

European Best Engineering Competition Local BEST Group Lisbon

Frequently Asked Questions

How EBEC is structured?

EBEC is an international engineering competition between the students of the universities that are part of BEST, consisting of three phases: the local (where EBEC Lisboa is located), the national / regional one to be held in Porto and the European final that will be in Brno, Czech Republic. EBEC is divided into two categories: Team Design (TD) - Tests the participants ability to build a prototype to solve a given technical issue. Case Study (CS) - The purpose of the Case Study category is to create an innovative solution to a technical or logistical problem.

For how long does the competition last?

In both categories you will have 24 hours to develop your prototype in the category of Team Design, and to solve the Case Study. There are even hours for workshops, meals and presentations of projects.

Can we leave the University during the competition?

No, the competition lasts for 24 hours and will take place at Civil Engineering building of Instituto Superior Técnico (Alameda campus). If you leave the building, unjustifiably, it can imply the disqualification of your team. If you need to leave the pavilion, you must inform the Organization.

Who can participate in this competition?

All students of University of Lisbon, of all years and all technology courses.

How many elements should a team have?

Each team should have 4 elements which should be present in all the competition.

Do team members have to study in the same course/year?

No, they can be in different courses and years.

Can I apply in the both categories?

No, before applying you will have to decide in which category you want to participate.

What type of penalties may exist during the competition?

If you do not comply to any of the rules described in the regulation of the competition the team may be penalized in their score or disqualified. The team may also be subject to forfeiture of the deposit.

Do we have to pay for the competition?

No, the only thing you need to pay is a security deposit of 20€ (5€ to each person), on the day of the competition. The money will be returned at the end of the competition. This security deposit is intended to cover any damage caused by the participants.

Are we entitled to food during the weekend of competition?

Yes, all feeding will be provided by the BEST Lisbon, in the form of main meals (lunch and dinner) as well as food reinforcements (every 3 hours) and coffee breaks.

What materials do we have access to?

In Case Study category, you will have access to a Kit with all the materials that you need. For the Team Design category, you will have access to a store where you can "buy" the materials for the construction of the prototypes. The "purchase" of the materials will be done using points and you will have to manage your resources to spend as little as possible.

Will I receive a t-shirt or other material?

Yes, you will receive a t-shirt and a nametag that you should use throughout the competition.

What should I bring to the competition?

All materials required for the competition will be provided by the organization.

Can we use Internet or Computer?

In Team Design category, the use of personal goods that allow access to external information (such as mobile phones, PDAs, laptops, etc.) is prohibited during the competition. In the Case Study category, the use of personal property is allowed, however it is expressly prohibited to contact with the outside.

Is it possible to rest during the competition?

Yes. Each team can make their own time management decisions.

Can I leave the room for my team during the 24 hours?

Yes, you can go to the store (in the case of Team Design) and Coffee Breaks.

I already finished the challenge. Can I go?

No. The competition is set to last 24 hours and it is mandatory to stay in the competition during that time.

How will the projects be evaluated?

The projects will be evaluated according to criteria presented in the script that will be delivered to the participants at the start of the competition.

Who will be the Jury?

The Jury will be professors of the University of Lisbon and partners of BEST Lisbon.

With whom can I clarify my doubts during the competition?

You can clarify your doubts with the main organisers of the event and other authorized people.

Where can I find the Regulations for the competition?

The regulations are available on the EBEC Lisbon's website. <http://best.tecnico.ulisboa.pt/ebec/>

How can I enroll my team?

You can apply on the competition on our website <http://best.tecnico.ulisboa.pt/ebec/>

Where can i find the schedule of EBEC?

The schedule is available in <http://best.tecnico.ulisboa.pt/ebec/>

The Workshops are mandatory?

No, but if you want to get the 1,5 ECTS attributed to the participants, you have to be present in all moments of the event. The Workshops may be helpful during the competition.